

NEWS BRIEFS

Enlisted social

The enlisted appreciation social is from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. today at the community center. Civilian attire is encouraged. Activities include games, children’s activities, horseshoes, volleyball and spades. There will be a softball tournament beginning at 3 p.m. with airman and junior NCOs against the Top 3 and first sergeants. The winners will play the commanders. Hotdogs, sausage and other food will be served. Call Ext. 2291.

Car wash

The 14th Contracting Squadron sponsors a car wash from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the exchange parking lot. Call Ext. 7766.

Offices closed

The 14th Flying Training Wing staff agencies close at 11 a.m. June 21 for a wing staff function. This includes the chapel, public affairs, finance, the commander’s office, legal and safety. In case of emergency, call the command post at Ext. 7020.

Change of command

Lt. Col. Tamra Rank relinquishes command of the 48th Flying Training Squadron to Lt. Col. Paul Judge during a change-of-command ceremony at 9 a.m. June 26 at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza.

Case lot sale

A case lot sale is from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 29 and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 2 at the commissary. Call Ext. 7109.

DEFY Leadership camp

Registration for the free Drug Education for Youth camp for military or civilian family members ages 9 to 12 is now open. Applications are available at the family support center or life skills center. Call Ext. 2790 or 2239.

Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-37

Goal: 1,269

Flown: 1,659

T-1A

Goal: 1,001.0 hrs.

Flown: 1025.9 hrs.

T-38

Goal: 678

Flown: 766



Photos by Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jarrett Little (right), encampment first sergeant, directs 2nd Lt. Tyler Brooks, B Flight flight commander, and Airman 1st Class Shawn Hayes, flight guidon, on their positioning in front of the flight.

Civil Air Patrol ‘deploys’ to CAFB

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public affairs

The Mississippi Wing of the Civil Air Patrol is holding their annual encampment from Sunday to Saturday on Columbus AFB.

More than 60 CAP members gathered to teach and learn about the Air Force.

“The encampment is designed to teach young people and motivate them to be good citizens,” said Capt. Scott Lanis, CAP liaison officer.

New cadets are given a glimpse into what military basic training might be like, said Cadet Lt. Col. Tiffany Erwin, encampment commander. Cadets reveille at 5:30 a.m., have inspection, physical training, drill, classroom and other activities throughout the day. Their day ends with lights out at 10 p.m.

This year the cadets will have a little more to talk about. With the arrival of the Navy’s H-6 Take Charge and Move Out mission aircraft, the SAC Alert Facility was turned into a classified area and the cadets were required to find alternate lodging for the evening.

The 14th Services Division was there to help out, providing the community activity center and cots for all the cadets during their “deployment” from the SAC Alert Facility.

“The move was a lot less hectic than I thought it would be,” said Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jarrett Little, encampment first sergeant. “But it was a good exercise for the cadets to see how they can work as a team.”

“The base did a great job moving us out here,” said Cadet 2nd Lt. Adam Croxton, encampment public affairs officer. “Every time we turned around, there was someone helping us — getting the beds and bedding.

“We really appreciate the active duty people helping out and being nice to us,” Croxton said. “Without you guys giving tours and accommodating our group, we’d be stuck at the ‘SAC shack’ all week. How many CAP cadets will get to go home and say they flew a multi-million dollar aircraft simulator?”

For more information on CAP, visit their website at www.caphq.gov or call 1-800-FLY-2338. For information on the local chapter, call 434-2651.



Cadet Senior Airman Jason Simmons, C Flight guidon, is positioned in front of his flight.

Flag Day honors creation of United States symbol

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

Today marks the 225th birthday of the American Flag.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed a resolution to establish an official flag.

The resolution ordered that “the flag of the United States be made of 13 stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed on June 14, 1916, that this day would from then on be Flag Day.

“It is important that we remember the day on which the symbol of our nation was born,” said Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing. “I’d like to thank everyone who keeps the American spirit alive by properly flying or displaying the flag.”

The American flag, in its current form, first flew over the Capitol on April 12, 1818.

It is custom to only display flags from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed during hours of darkness if properly lit, according to Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, the Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide.

It should also be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag has been altered 27 times over the years. Congress passed several acts that changed the design to accommodate new stars and stripes with the admission of each new state.

The current version consists of 13 horizontal stripes with 50 stars and dates to July 4, 1960, when Hawaii became the 50th state. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well; red symbolizes hardiness and valor; white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Columbus AFB Spotlight

Name: Staff Sgt. Arden Hunt, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

Duty title: NCOIC, Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Time on station: 11 months

Time in service: 12 years, 6 months

Hometown: Coatesville, Penn.

Previous base: Lackland AFB, Texas

Hobbies: Shopping and listening to music

Activities: Drug Education for Youth project officer

Goals: Raise my pride and joy. Retire from the Air Force at 20 years even and relax.

Favorite quote: “Live life to the fullest”



Staff Sgt. Arden Hunt
14th Medical Operations Squadron,
NCOIC, ADAPT

Honor guard: Serving those who served

The Columbus AFB Honor Guard is a group of sharp individuals who perform funeral services for active-duty people, veterans and retirees who have passed.

This group of people also perform details for official functions.

The Columbus AFB Honor Guard is looking for people

interested in honoring and giving back to those who have served their country.

For more information, Call Staff Sgt. Rhonda Knipmeyer, 14th Services Division Readiness, at Ext. 2310 or 2311; 2nd Lt. Theodore Dear, honor guard officer in charge, at Ext. 2165; or an honor guard member.



Air Force



Release dates announced

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — The Air Force plans to release its newest list of technical and master sergeant promotions June 27 (June 28 for those units across the international date line) and its newest list of staff sergeant promotions Aug. 14 (Aug. 15 for those units across the international date line).

The lists of those selected for promotion will be available on the Air Force Personnel Center’s home page by close of business June 28 and Aug. 15 respectively.

To allow as many deployed airmen as possible to be considered in the regular promotion cycles, the announcements were delayed from the originally scheduled dates. The delays, however, will have no effect on the promotion effective dates: Aug. 1 for technical and master sergeants and Sept. 1 for staff sergeants.

Delays resulted from the Air Force allowing extra time for deployed and returning airmen to test, said Air Force officials.

“We want to make sure we consider as many people as we possibly can so when we run the selection list it will closely mirror what it would look like if 100 percent of the eligibles had tested in the normal timeframe. This ensures the Weighted Airman Promotion System continues to be fair and equitable for all NCOs competing for promotion,” said Senior Master Sgt. Nathalie Swisher, chief of the enlisted promotion management section here. *(Courtesy of AFPC News)*

Booklet helps answer questions

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — Air Force Doctrine Center officials have released a follow-on set of air and space power concepts and fundamentals which give airmen a second snapshot of operational warfighting beliefs.

This new series, titled “50 More Questions Every Airman Can Answer,” conveys a variety of doctrine concepts ranging from what the Air Force contributes to homeland security to the definition of effects-based operations.

The pocket-sized booklet is a compact reference filled with Air Force “best practices” and basic truths that explain how airmen apply and leverage air and space power capabilities in support of national defense.

“Don’t let its size fool you,” said Maj. Hugh Curry, the doctrine center action officer who coordinated the final draft and oversaw the printing of the publication. “This little book is a treasure chest filled with gems any airman can benefit from. I wish I would’ve had a resource like this years ago.”

“50 More Questions” follows on the coattails of “50 Questions Every Airman Can Answer,” an informal doctrine publication that met with huge success, said officials.

The brainchild of Maj. Fritz Baier, an intelligence officer as Pacific Air Force headquarters and former member of the doctrine center, “50 Questions” was a simple and concise way to organize and present easily digestible answers to commonly asked questions regarding air and space doctrine.

“I realized there were a lot of important yet complicated issues and doctrine that many airmen didn’t understand,” Baier said. “I wanted to do something about it.” *(Courtesy of AF News)*

Airmen earn right to sew on stripe below-the-zone

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

Five Columbus AFB airmen were awarded Senior Airman Below-the-Zone stripes at the Enlisted Appreciation Social June 14.

Airmen 1st Class Rachel Aden, 14th Operation Support Squadron; James Chase, 50th Flying Training Squadron; Emily Jandorf, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; William Kearns, 14th Medical Support Squadron; and Jamal Lofton, 14th OSS earned the right to sew on their third stripe six months before normal

senior airman sew-on time.

“I was very happy,” Lofton said. “I’ve been involved in a lot and have volunteered for several things I’ve been interested in doing. This just shows me that hard work and determination really do pay off.”

“These exceptional airmen have proven themselves in their jobs and in their community,” said Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. “It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to be selected for BTZ. All of our BTZ candidates were identified by their supervisors as being a step above and should be congratulated.”



Photos by Elizabeth Davis
Lt. Col. John Jackson, 14th Operations Support Squadron commander, and Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, 14th Flying Training Wing chief master sergeant, congratulate Airman 1st Class Rachel Aden, 14th OSS, on her Below-the-Zone award.



Quelly and Roy congratulate Airman 1st Class Emily Jandorf, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, on her BTZ award.



Jackson and Roy congratulate Airman 1st Class Jamal Lofton, 14th OSS, on his BTZ award.



Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Roy congratulate Airman 1st Class James Chase, 50th Flying Training Squadron, on his BTZ award.



Quelly and Roy congratulate Airman 1st Class William Kearns, 14th Medical Support Squadron, on his BTZ award.

Nearly 2,200 AF officers selected for promotion to major

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The calendar 2002A central line, judge advocate general, nurse corps, medical service corps and biomedical sciences corps major selection boards selected 2,175 officers for promotion to major.

A special selection board selected an additional 24 people May 6.

The entire list will be posted on the Air Force Personnel Center’s Web site the afternoon of June 21, said AFPC officials.

The major’s board convened here Feb. 19 to March 1 to consider 3,090 captains for promotion.

Some officers affected by Stop-Loss were given the opportunity to have their records reviewed by the regularly scheduled May 6 special selection board. This occurred because there was concern that some of those

officers may not have understood their options for a promotion board in a Stop-Loss environment, officials said. Announcement of the in-residence professional military education candidates associated with these promotion boards is scheduled for June 27.

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone for major include:

Line — 1,814 officers selected from 2,048 considered for an 88.6-percent select rate;

JAG — 54 officers selected from 62 considered for an 87.1-percent rate;

NC — 92 officers selected from 125 considered for a 73.6-percent rate;

MSC — 35 officers selected from 39 considered for an 89.7-percent rate; and

BSC — 130 officers selected from 148 considered

for an 87.8-percent rate.

Selection statistics above-the-promotion zone for major include:

Line — 30 officers selected from 558 considered for a 5.4-percent select rate;

JAG — Five officers selected from 10 considered for a 50-percent rate;

NC — Eight officers selected from 72 considered for an 11.1-percent rate;

MSC — Three officers selected from eight considered for a 37.5-percent rate; and

BSC — Four officers selected from 20 considered for a 20-percent rate. (Editor’s note: People promoting to major at Columbus AFB will be announced in the June 28 issue of the Silver Wings.)

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Attitude, choices affect everyone

Senior Master Sgt. Tom Pelfrey
14th Operations Group



I often remind people of Colin Powell’s rule number five: “Be careful what you ask for; you just might get it.” Life is all about choices. Each morning you wake up and you have two choices; you can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood. You will even choose how people will affect your mood. Each time something bad happens, you can choose to be a victim or you can choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to you complaining, you can choose to accept their complaining or you can point out the positive side of life. When you cut away all the junk cluttering your life you’ll see that every situation you find yourself in is a result of a decision that you have made. The bottom line: It’s your choice how you live life.

In my office, there hangs a picture of a violent lightning storm that reads: “Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but how we react to what happens; not by what life brings to us but by the attitude we bring to life.”

I view life as a card game in which all of us are given cards to play in this journey. Many of us get dealt what seems to be a bad hand when compared to other people, but you either play the hand you’re dealt the best you can or live life expecting

pity and a get-well card from society. As the baby of five, I quickly realized that my choices in attitude and relationships would be the glue of my life.

My dad passed away when I was eight and my mom passed away when I was fourteen. While deployed last year, those experiences helped me convince a young Staff Sgt. at Eskan Village to restore his relationship with his mom and contact his dad for the first time in his life. He had chosen to live life without either relationship and wanted me to listen to all of his excuses why it was the right thing to do. I simply asked him, “If I were to get a Red Cross call telling me that one or both of your parents had died, could you live with the decisions you have chosen?” He quickly began to rekindle his missing relationships.

In closing, I have three questions for you. What do you bring to life? Do you encourage people or are you a whiner/chronic complainer? How will you react if you are not on the next promotion list? Will you blame “The System” again and not mention the choices you made months earlier about studying your CDCs & the PFE? I celebrated “Passover” for promotions ten times before getting a line number for Chief Master Sgt. I believe we control our own destiny simply by the daily choices we make in life. If you have not chosen a plan to reach your goals, just like Colin Powell’s rule number five states, you’ll get what you ask for.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, 14th FTW command chief (far right standing), pose with the committee members of the Enlisted Appreciation Social June 14. Several people attended the event that featured door prizes, food, tournaments, softball games and children’s activities. Designated drivers were also on hand if necessary.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

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Last year, as in years past, Columbus AFB (PWS ID # 0440018) tap water meets or exceeds all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Mississippi State Department of Health drinking water standards. This report is a snapshot of last year’s water quality.

In accordance with the “Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule” of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, Columbus AFB is required to report the water quality information to the consuming public.

This is the fourth year for this Federally mandated report. Presented in this report is information on the where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

The base water supply is treated and distributed by Columbus Light and Water Company. The water is pumped through eight wells from the Coker Aquifer, a groundwater source, is stored in various places throughout the base. No further treatment is done on base.

It is not uncommon for some substances to be found in water. As water travels over land or through the ground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Additionally, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA and Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)

Table 1: Water Quality Data Table								
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Units	Level Found	Range	Sample Date	Exceeded Standard?	Likely Source of Contaminant
Microbiological Contaminants								
Present /Absent Test for Total Coliform	0	0	Present/ Absent	Present	1 out of 60 samples	Monthly 2001	No*	Naturally present in the environment
Radiological Contaminants								
Gross alpha	None	15	PCi/L	1.0	N/A	26 Nov 2001	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Organic Contaminants								
Ethylbenzene	700	700	ppb	See Range	ND to 2.9	10 Oct 2001	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Total Trihalomethanes	None	100	ppb	See Range	3.00 to 11.00	Quarterly 2001	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Xylenes (Total)	10	10	ppm	See Range	ND to 0.0273	10 Oct 2001	No	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium	2	2	ppm	See Range	0.009 to 0.046	3 Oct 2000	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	1.3	1.3 (AL)	ppm	0.042	N/A	31 July 2001	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	4	4	ppm	See Range	0.22 to 1.12	3 Oct 2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead	0	15 (AL)	ppb	0.001	N/A	31 July 2001	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Unregulated Contaminants								
Sulfate	N/A	N/A	ppm	See Range	6.99 to 7.99	2 Oct 2000	N/A	Erosions of natural deposits
* Total Coliform: Coliform was found in one sample. However, repeat sampling at the sample location and one sample upstream and one downstream was negative. Therefore, the positive sample was mostly likely a false positive. The false positive could be a collection error or a laboratory error.								

Definitions of key terms for water analysis:
(To gain a better understanding of the content of this report, several key terms are provided)

Term	Definitions
Action Level (AL)	The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
Level Found	Laboratory analytical result for a contaminant; this value is evaluated against an MCL or AL to determine compliance
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology and taking cost into consideration. MCLs are enforceable standards.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety and are non-enforceable public health goals.
Mg/kg	Milligrams per kilogram; a unit of measure equivalent to part per million (ppm)
Mg/L	Milligrams per liter; a unit of measure equivalent to part per million (ppm)
N/A	Not Applicable
ppm	Parts per million; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000
ppb	Parts per billion; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000,000
PCi/L	Picocuries per liter; a measure of radioactivity in water
Range	The range of the highest and lowest analytical values of a reported contaminant.
µg/L	Micrograms per liter; a unit of measure equivalent to part per billion (ppb)

426-4791.

Answers to questions about Columbus AFB water can be directed to the 14th Medical Group, Bioenvironmental Engineering Services at Ext. 2286, or the Columbus Light and Water Department at 327-0432.

CL&W has regularly scheduled meetings at noon on the third Thursday

of the month. The location of the meetings is 420 4th Avenue South. A copy of this Consumer Confidence Report can be obtained from BES.

Detected contaminants:

Table 1 lists all of the detected drinking water contaminants current for calendar year 2001. The presence of contaminants in the water does not

necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

The EPA and the Mississippi State Department of Health require us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year. Other contaminants may be only measured once every three years, but are still representative of the water quality.

Columbus AFB people trade their stripes for bars

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public Affairs

Four Columbus AFB enlisted people recently received the opportunity to become officers.

Each of these airmen were selected under different programs, the Airman Education and Commissioning Program, Officers Training School and the Air Force Academy Preparatory School, yet the result is the same — gold bars.

Tech. Sgt. Bianco Caldwell, 14th Medical Group, who was selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program has been in the military for more than 13 years. She worked closely with the education office to learn about scholarship opportunities and discovered that the AECP was the correct one for her. “I had to apply for an age waiver, but once that went through, everything just fell into place,” Caldwell said.

Her biggest asset was having a goal and sticking to it, according to her supervisor Master Sgt. Alverdia Allen. “For anyone who may have aspirations to do better, she’s definitely an example. All you have to do is stay focused on your goal.”

“I’ve enjoyed being an enlisted member, but I feel there is more that I can do for my country,” Caldwell said. “I’m just a constant improvement person



Tech. Sgt. Bianco Caldwell
14th Medical Group

— always looking towards progressing and this is the next step.”

“These programs are out there to help people get their educations and the benefits are great; it’s up to you to take advantage of them,” Allen said.

Staff Sgt. William Reasoner, 14th Security Forces Squadron, who was selected to go to Officers Training School, said he just plugged away at taking classes for 6 years on active duty. “It feels good to finally get that piece of paper and use it for something.”

His biggest influences were his former supervisor at Tyndall AFB, Fla. and a couple of prior-enlisted officers who helped him out and told him it could be done.

“The most difficult part was transferring stations and having to begin all over again at a new school,” Reasoner said.

Airman 1st Class Grantland Case, 14th MDG, and Airman Guennadi Antonov, 14th MDG, were both selected to attend the Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

Case is another person who worked hard to accomplish his goal of becoming an officer with the dream of returning to Columbus AFB to learn to fly.

“First they denied me based on the physical, then I got a waiver, then they denied me again based on something



Airman 1st Class Grantland Case
14th Medical Group



Staff Sgt. William Reasoner
14th Security Forces Squadron

else,” Case said. “I wasn’t sure if I was going to be able to go — it went back and forth so many times, but Maj. [Vincent] Compagno [Air Force Liaison Officer for the AF Academy] helped me out a lot.”

Working with and seeing the new pilots coming into physical exams sparked something in him, said Capt. Tony McClung, Case’s supervisor. “He set a goal and accomplished it.”

McClung added that his subordinate could go as far as he wants. “He has a good grasp of the dedication it takes to go through the Academy and he has what it takes.”

“I know that the prep-school is going to be like basic training, but, if I do well I’ll get to go to the Academy,” Case said. From there, another four hard years to his goal of becoming a pilot.

As a non-U.S. Citizen, Antonov had his own struggles, “When I got here I saw all the pilots and I decided I wanted to be one, so I went to the education center to find out about getting help to become an officer,” Antonov said. “I didn’t qualify for reserve officer training corps because I’m not a citizen.

“Then I found out I qualified for the prep-school, but the school turned me down twice because I’m not a citizen. It took some doing but we finally found the actual Air Force Instruction and



Airman Guennadi Antonov
14th Medical Group

according to the AFI, I do qualify.” Antonov credits his success to 1st Lt. Lauren Maher and Capt. David Carey. “They gave me a lot of information and guided me with what I should do.”

Most supervisors are proud of their subordinate’s accomplishment and Staff Sgt. Brent Ochs, Antonov’s supervisor, is no exception. “I think it’s great. Antonov is a great asset to the life support shop, I’m glad to see him moving on to his dream.”

Along with supervisors and peers acting as cheerleaders, candidates also get help from the education center. There they learned about the programs and received help on putting together packages. Daisy Jones, education center guidance counselor, makes sure that people have all the prerequisites for programs and helps them work toward their goal one step at a time.

“When it all comes together for people, I feel like a proud mama,” Jones said.

“These airmen and NCOs, through hard work and dedication, succeeded in a very competitive environment. It’s just another example of the outstanding people here at Columbus AFB,” said Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

For more information on educational and commissioning opportunities, contact the education center at Ext. 2562.

opportunity office), monthly squadron luncheons, monthly chat-and-chow breakfasts with airmen, junior NCOs and civilian supervisors and even birthday cards have really made a difference in the 14th Communications Squadron. Also, get involved with your unit booster club, community projects and services-sponsored activities.

Finally, on a personal note, I challenge individuals to smile and laugh a little; it’s good for your health ...

MORALE (Continued from Page 4)

The key morale factor of commanders and supervisors is unit cohesion. An important ingredient in units sticking together and performing is not having one individual feels he or she is alone. Interpersonal communication reduces isolation in the workplace and allows a person to manage his or her fear through the presence, reliability and reassurance of his or her coworkers. Leaders should ensure effective communication and the flow of information.

What should leaders do to motivate their subordinates? One way commanders, first sergeants and supervisors can do so is by strengthening esprit-de-corps and morale through example and personally communicating with people in their unit. Others include socialization, training, discipline and recognition. A leader’s tactical and technical competence is also an important factor.

I leave you on a couple of notes: Teambuilding seminars (sponsored by our wing military equal



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Senior Airman Glenn Dowling, 50th Flying Training Squadron, participates in the horseshoe tournament.



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Senior Airman Christopher Braddock and Airman 1st Class Douglas Toms, 14th Operations Support Squadron, take a ticket from Capt. Todd Tice, 14th Medical Operations Squadron. Each person who attended the social was given a ticket, which was good for any of the drawings for door prizes given during the social. Additional tickets were given to the winners of the dart, spades and horseshoe tournaments.

Enlisted appreciation social

Event features food, door prizes, games, camaraderie



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Staff Sgt. 'Rooster' Snyder, 50th Flying Training Squadron, drives the ball during the NCO softball game against the commanders. The NCOs beat the airmen in the first game of the social, then they defeated the commanders 10-3.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Mass

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Protestant worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish or Orthodox services, or other chapel programs, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“Big Trouble” (PG-13, some language, crude humor, 85 min.)

Starring: Tim Allen and Zoey Deschanel.

Saturday

“Frailty” (R, violence, 100 min.)

Starring: Bill Paxton and Matthew McConaughey.

June 28

“About a boy” (PG-13, some thematic elements, 101 min.)

Starring: Hugh Grant and Toni Collette.

June 29

“The New Guy” (PG-13, sexual content, crude humor, 89 min.)

Starring: DJ Quall and Zoey Deschanel.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford for more information at Ext. 7073.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through June 28

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination Program:

“Introduction to Management”

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Job fair: Applications for all occupations are taken at the Nissan job fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Brandon School at 2630 MacArthur behind K-Mart.

Free tuition: Active-duty people interested in a free college education can call the center for more information.

AFAS: People with a short-term or one-time emergency could qualify for an interest-free loan or grant through the Air Force Aid Society. Call the center.

Remote/deployed brief: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory brief offered at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT

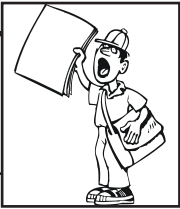


(Editor's note: All activities offered are at the life skills support office located on the second floor of the 14th Medical Group unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2239.)

Infant care: A baby basics class is from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday in room 124 of the clinic. This class offers infant-care issues such as how to change a diaper and how to swaddle and burp a baby. Participants must preregister. Call 2197.

Life skills speakers: Counsellors from the life skills support center are available to speak at commander's calls or other group meetings for squadrons, work centers and more. Topics such as stress management, conflict resolution and communication can be offered. Other topics can be arranged by request.

BASE NOTES



Case lot sale: A case lot sale is from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 29 and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 2 at the commissary. Call Ext. 7109.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

A little to the left, please

Senior Airman Leah O'Donnell, 14th Medical Group optometry lab technician, examines a patient's eyes Monday at the clinic. People should have eye examinations at least once a year. For more information, call optometry at Ext. 2188.

Thrift store hours: During June, the thrift shop hours of operation are from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays. In July, they are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Regular hours will resume in August. Call Ext. 2954.

Change of command: Maj. Michael Goolsby relinquishes command of the 14th Mission Support Squadron to Maj. James Davis during a change-of-command ceremony at 9 a.m. July 1 in the Columbus Club.

Outdoor sale: The commissary has an outdoor patio sale of cookout items from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4. Call Ext. 7109.

Officer education opportunities: Bullets for advanced education opportunities for officers through the National Reconnaissance Office are due to the NRO July 16 and packages are due July 22. Call Ext. 7002.

Military liaison teams: Senior NCOs can apply for a position on a military liaison team at four overseas locations. Nominations are due Aug. 15 for Bosnia, Macedonia or Moldova. People interested can submit their applications to the relocations office of the military personnel flight, Bldg. 926. Call Ext. 3537.

Safety career requirements: The requirements for retraining into the safety career field have changed. Senior airmen through chief master sergeants can now retrain into the field. Currently there are 10 training positions available. Air Force Instruction 91-202, attachment 2, explains the career field requirements. For more information, call Ext. 2691.

Debt collection assistance: The Department of Defense offers a Debt

Collection Assistance Officer program to help TRICARE beneficiaries resolve their TRICARE-related bills that have been turned over to a collection agency. People with overdue TRICARE bills that have been sent to a collection agency are urged to contact the DCAO at Columbus AFB, Vannessa Brown, at Ext. 2137.

AROUND TOWN



Jazz production: The Columbus Arts Council presents “Jazz at the Rosenzweig Arts Center,” an evening of live jazz, from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the center on Main Street in Columbus. This event is free and open to the public. Call 328-ARTS.

Yard sale: The Salvation Army Mark Mitchell Children's Shelter has a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 28 and from 6 a.m. to noon June 29 at the Mark Mitchell shelter.

Furniture, appliances, clothing and more are available. All proceeds benefit the shelter. Volunteers are also needed to help set up and clean up before and after the sale. Call 327-5321.

Softball tournament: A men's softball tournament is June 29 in Macon, Miss.

Entry fee is \$110. First, second and third place trophies are presented. Call (662) 726-9879 or (662) 726-4904.

Patriotic celebration: The 9th annual Let Freedom Ring patriotic celebration, sponsored by East End Baptist Church, begins at 7 p.m. June 29 and 4 p.m. June 30 at the Trotter Convention Center. The event is free. Call 328-5915.

Services: Check out what we have to offer

✓ **All-ranks bingo:** Bingo is at the community center at 5:30 p.m. Friday. There are two \$25 games, two \$50 games and one \$500 progressive jackpot with a consolation prize of \$50 if the jackpot does not go in 58 numbers or less.

Cost is \$1 for a 2-on-1 card for the \$25 games, \$1.50 for a 3-on-1 card for the \$50 games and \$1 for a single card for the jackpot game. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Enlisted lounge entertainment:** Disc jockey Maze entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

✓ **Base library closed for training:** The base library will be closed today through Sunday for training on the new automated checkout system. Call Ext. 2934.

✓ **Summer reading program:** The base library's summer reading program, "Catch a Dragon by the Tale" begins at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Children meet every Tuesday with awards being given on the last day of the program, Aug. 6. Call Ext. 2934.

✓ **Southern buffet:** The Columbus Club's Tuesday night buffet features Southern style cuisine from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Price is \$7.95 for club members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Crafts classes:** This month's youth class will make a patriotic wall hanging at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$4 and includes supplies. Other upcoming youth classes include making an American flag wall hanging, a bird feeder, a decorative bird bath and dominos.

The skills development center offers an adult class on how to make an Uncle Sam Wall Hanging at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. Thursday. Students will learn to cut their own wood and paint it. Cost is \$6 per person and includes supplies. Other upcoming adult classes include making an American heart door hanging, a mosaic patio stone, a wooden flag and a decorative sea grass mat.

Register at least four days in advance to ensure supplies are available. Call Ext. 7836.

✓ **Dance class registration:** The youth center begins registration July 1 for their ballet and jazz

dance classes. Classes begin Aug. 1. Cost is \$30 per month. Classes offered are ballet for 3 and 4-year olds, ballet for 5-year olds and older, jazz for 5-year olds and older, intermediate ballet and intermediate jazz. Call Ext. 2504.

✓ **Piano lessons:** Registration for piano lessons for ages 4 and older begin July 1 at the youth center. Cost is \$30 per month and lessons begin Aug. 7. Call Ext. 2504.

✓ **Trip to Six Flags:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Six Flags Over Georgia July 20-21. Cost is \$120 per person and includes transportation, lodging and tickets to the theme park and water park. Reservations are required. Deadline to register is July 8. Call Ext. 7858.

✓ **Crafts and woodworking instructors needed:** The skills development center is looking for people to share their talents and knowledge of crafts and/or woodworking while earning a little extra cash. If interested, call Ext. 7836.

✓ **Pool parties:** Reserve the base pool for a pool party anytime after 7:30 p.m. seven days a week. Call Ext. 2507 for information.

✓ **Season pool passes:** Independence Pool season passes can be purchased at the pool. Cost for one person is \$15 for club members and \$20 for nonmembers; two people of the same family is \$28 for club members and \$35 for nonmembers; three people of the same family is \$35 and \$45 respectively; four people of the same family is \$38 and \$50 respectively. There is no charge for each additional family member and for children 5 or younger.

Daily admission, without a season pass, is \$1 per day for eligible users and family members or \$2 a day for non-family member guests. Call Ext. 7858.

✓ **Leisure travel:** The information, ticket and travel office located in the outdoor recreation, offers leisure travel services for cruises, lodging, rental cars, airline tickets and more. Stop by or call Ext. 7858.



Rachel Kasic

Young thespians strut their stuff

Brooklyn Morton, Brittany Underwood, Erika McCollor (back row), Katie Osborne and Gemaiah Carlisle take part in last year's production of "Sleeping Beauty." Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Cinderella" are from 10 a.m. to noon July 8 at the youth center. This free program is open to all base children in grades kindergarten to 12th grades. Rehearsals will be from July 8 to 12 with the show hitting the stage July 13. Deadline to register for an audition is July 3 at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

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plaques
and much more



Stop by or call Ext. 7858 for information



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Jarrod Jackson, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron 2 softball team, waits on a pitch during the game against the 14th Medical Group Monday.

Med Group slides past CE 2, 14-13

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

The 14th Medical Group squeaked by 14th Civil Engineer Squadron 2, 14-13, in intramural softball action Monday.

"It feels good [to win]," said Roosevelt Thompson, Med Group coach. "We started a little rusty but I had all my starters back, and they pulled it through."

The game was a seesaw battle with either side ahead by only a few runs each inning.

Grantland Case, Med Group, tied the score 9-9 at the top of the fourth, but CE 2 turned it around and the Med Group

was three up, three down in the top of the fifth. Brandon Sokora, CE 2, then helped up the score to 9-12.

In the top of the sixth inning, Med Group players James Kisner, Anthony Murphy and Case brought the game back to a tie. Brent Ochs, Med Group, crossed the plate to up the score by one, but Brandon Johnson, CE 2, answered at the bottom of the inning to tie the game again.

In the top of the seventh, the Med Group scored a run, CE 2 couldn't come back, and the game ended 14-13.

"This was the most competitive game we've played so far this season," said Brandon Espie, CE 2 coach. "We gave it our all, but we just couldn't pull it through in the clutch. Now we're off to the [batting] cages for practice."

Golf standings

The following are the intramural golf standings as of Wednesday. Call the Whispering Pines Golf Course at Ext. 7932.

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
14th SVS 1	8	0	1
14th LS	7	1	1
DynCorp 1	6	1	2
14th SFS	6	2	1
14th CES 2	6	3	0
14th CES	4	3	2
14th MDG	4	4	1
14th COMM	3	5	1
14th MSS	3	5	1
DynCorp 2	3	5	1
14th SVS 2	2	5	2
14th OSS	2	6	1

Softball standings

The following are the intramural softball standings as of Wednesday. Call the fitness and sports center at Ext. 2772.

Team	Wins	Losses
48th FTS	6	0
14th CES 1	5	1
14th MSS	5	2
14th SFS 1	5	2
DynCorp	4	2
14th OSS 1	4	2
50th FTS	3	3
37th/41st FTS	3	3
14th MDG	2	5
14th SFS 2	2	8
14th OSS 2	1	5
14th CES 2	1	8

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers

Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

Today
Fried Catfish
Cube Steak
Cherry Cobbler

Monday
Fried Chicken
Liver & Onions
Banana Pudding

Tuesday
Fried Chicken
Swiss Steak
Peach Cobbler

Wednesday
Roast Pork
Baked Fish
Banana Pudding

Thursday
Pulled Pork
Ribs
Apple Cobbler

Don't forget to ask for your "Member Rewards" entry form to qualify to win an all-expense paid trip to Orlando, Fla. or a week's vacation at a resort of your choice from the Armed Forces Vacation Club. Contest ends July 31. Call Ext. 2489.